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In re of Applicant)
Hirohisa Kikuyama et al.) Art Group: 1765
Serial No.: 09/622,397)
Filing Date: August 16, 2000)
Title: SURFACE TREATING FOR) Examiner: Kin Chan Chen
MICROMACHINING AND METHOD)
FOR SURFACE TREATMENT)

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, having a due date of June 15, 2002, which has been extended by 2 months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of August 15, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 9 are pending with claims 1 and 4 objected to and claims 1-4 and 9 rejected.

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims do not constitute new matter.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 4 based on informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 4